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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Government have investigated or propose to investigate why there are no applicants for the scholarship of the Leather Trades Institute ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Government will enquire."

Irrigation

Ayacut of the Godavari and the Kistna deltas.

*285 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the ultimate ayacut of the Godavari and the Kistna deltas has been fixed ; and

(b) if so, whether the relevant Government Orders or any other papers showing the principles on which the ultimate ayacut has been fixed, will be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) The extents at present irrigable in the Kistna Western, Kistna Eastern and Godavari Western deltas have been fixed, while those in the Godavari Eastern and Godavari Central deltas have not yet been fixed.

(b) Copies of the following papers are placed on the table [a] :—

(1) G.O. No. 33 I., dated 21st January 1920.
(2) ,, 336 I., dated 3rd October 1924.
(3) ,, 895 I., dated 29th July 1926.
(4) ,, 337 I., dated 3rd October 1924.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know if the Government is preparing any record showing the extent of irrigable area in the central and southern deltas ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I presume so, Sir."

Introduction of the Irrigation Bill.

*286 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce an Irrigation Bill ;
(b) if so, on what lines ; and
(c) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 349 on 27th August 1927.

(c) As the hon. Member is aware a conference was held at Ootacamund in May 1927 by the Member then in charge of Irrigation with some of the prominent members of the different parties in this Council and as a result the Government concluded that there was no chance of any Bill meeting sufficient support in the Council unless it contained the provisions in regard to which the last Bill was returned to the Council for amendment by His Excellency the Governor. In the circumstances there does not appear to be any object in introducing a Bill unless in connexion with any particular project an amendment of the existing law is considered imperatively necessary.

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Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know if the Government have made up their mind that no Bill can come up unless it contains the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor last time ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Substantially it is so, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know the reason why the Government have come to that conclusion ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The reasons why those amendments were considered necessary have been stated on the occasion of the last Bill."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know if the Government do not consider it desirable to bring at least such non-contentious subjects as kudimaramat in the form of a Bill ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" We will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" Even if contentious questions are not brought up, will the Government bring up at least questions like the Kudimaramat ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That is a matter which will be considered."

Legislation

Appointment of Council Secretaries.

*287 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state— 11-45 a.m.

(a) the reasons why Council Secretaries were appointed ;

(b) the nature and extent of the work assigned to them ; and

(c) whether they are whole-time servants or are permitted to do other remunerative work ; and if so, why ?

A.—(a) Under section 52 (4) of the Government of India Act, it is within the discretion of His Excellency the Governor to appoint Council Secretaries.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to page 126 of Volume II of the Madras Legislative Council Manual which gives the duties that are performed by the Council Secretaries.

(c) The order of His Excellency the Governor made under section 52 (4) of the Government of India Act does not require that the Council Secretaries should devote their whole time to their duties as such nor does the order forbid them to do other remunerative work.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know with reference to answer to clause (b), what are the duties actually performed by the Council Secretaries now ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I presume the duties stated in the order on the subject, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" I do not want any presumption, Sir. I want to know as a matter of fact the actual duties done by them."